

**MINUTES
OF REGULAR MEETING OF
LOS ANGELES MEMORIAL COLISEUM COMMISSION**

Thursday, January 26, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission (the "Commission") was held in the Coliseum Commission Room on Thursday, January 26, 2017, and was called to order at 2:39 p.m. by President **RIDLEY-THOMAS**.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Mark Ridley-Thomas, President
Mr. William J. Chadwick, Vice President
Mr. Curren D. Price, Jr.

ABSENT: Mr. Reginald B. Jones-Sawyer, Sr. (Non-voting)
Mr. Ricardo Lara (Non-voting)
Ms. Janice Hahn (Alternate)
Mr. Marqueece Harris-Dawson (Alternate)

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Robert E. Osborne, Secretary and CAO
Ms. Claudia Gutierrez, Co-Counsel
Ms. Erik J. Conard, Co-Counsel
Mr. Steven Hong, Co-Counsel
Ms. Rachelle Anema, Controller

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Joe Furin Ms. Lainie Strouse
Mr. Dan Stimmler Mr. Al Naipo
Mr. Fernando Ramirez Mr. Charles E. Slyngstad
Ms. Leslie Wall Mr. Matt Curren
Ms. Diane Sher Mr. Michael de Castro
Mr. Thomas J. Faughnan Ms. Helen Chu

3. The President did not comment.
4. **RECEIVED** public comment from Ms. **SHER** in support of the Commission's decision to schedule ten (10) regular meetings in 2017.
5. It was moved by Vice President **CHADWICK**, seconded by Commissioner **PRICE**, and carried by unanimous vote, that all of the items on the Consent Calendar be **APPROVED**.
 - A. **APPROVED** minutes of Commission regular meeting held on October 13, 2016.
 - B. **APPROVED** minutes of Commission special meeting held on December 8, 2016.

- C. **APPROVED** 10th Annual Walk for Wishes as a public interest event.
 - D. **APPROVED** Memorial Day 2017 at the Coliseum as a public interest event.
 - E. **APPROVED** USA City Games – Los Angeles as a public interest event.
 - F. **APPROVED** Annual 4th of July Fireworks Show and Community Festival as a public interest event.
 - G. **APPROVED** request for induction of Anita L. DeFrantz into the Memorial Court of Honor.
 - H. **APPROVED** request for induction of Joan Benoit Samuelson into the Memorial Court of Honor.
 - I. **APPROVED** request for induction of Billie Jean King into the Memorial Court of Honor.
6. **RECEIVED AND FILED** by unanimous consent, there being no objection, the report of the chief administrative officer.
7. **RECEIVED AND FILED** by unanimous consent, there being no objection, the controller's financial report for the three and six month periods ended December 31, 2016.

APPROVED by unanimous consent, there being no objection, that the Commission staff be directed to develop strategies for the Commission to produce revenue and report back to the Commission.

8. **RECEIVED AND FILED** by unanimous consent, there being no objection, the independent auditor's report and Coliseum Commission's financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016.

APPROVED by unanimous consent, there being no objection, that the CAO, counsel, and the controller, be directed to prepare the options available to the Commission in the event that the Commission becomes unable to service its debt as it comes due and report back to the Commission,

Further **APPROVED** by unanimous consent, there being no objection, that the Commission staff be directed to prepare, and report back to the Commission, options available to the Commission regarding dissolving the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Association, Inc.

9. **APPROVED** by unanimous consent, there being no objection, that Agenda Item 9 – Consideration of University of Southern California's Request for a Financial Limit on its Funding of the Commission's Operating Costs be continued subject to further discussions between Commission staff and University of Southern California management.
10. **RECEIVED AND FILED** by unanimous consent, there being no objection, USC's Memorial Coliseum and Memorial Sports Arena General Manager's Report.

The Commission expressed dissatisfaction that, while some are not charged, many school-aged children are required by USC to pay up to a \$25 fee to tour the Memorial Coliseum.

It was **APPROVED** by unanimous consent, there being no objection, that the unveiling of the Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band bronze plaque be scheduled for a day and time when Mr. **SPRINGSTEEN** is in attendance.

11. It was moved by Commissioner **PRICE**, seconded by President **RIDLEY-THOMAS**, carried two votes to zero with one abstention, that the bylaws be **ADOPTED**.

Ayes: **RIDLEY-THOMAS, PRICE**
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: **CHADWICK**

12. It was moved by Commissioner **PRICE**, seconded by President **RIDLEY-THOMAS**, and carried, two votes to one, that the proposed First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission Management Agreement of 2013 be **SUBMITTED** to the Commission's three member agencies for approval and execution.

Ayes: **RIDLEY-THOMAS, PRICE**
Nays: **CHADWICK**
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

It was further **APPROVED** by unanimous consent, there being no objection, that the Commission's co-counsel and chief administrative officer be directed to invite the Undersecretary of the California Natural Resources Agency and his legal counsel to a meeting of the Commission to be held in either February or March 2017 to discuss the proposed First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission Management Agreement of 2013.

13. President **RIDLEY-THOMAS** nominated Commissioner **PRICE** to be elected to the office of President of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission. No other nominations were offered.

The Commission **VOTED**. Commissioner **PRICE** was **ELECTED**, three votes to zero, to the office of President of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission effective immediately following adjournment.

Ayes: **RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHADWICK, PRICE**
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

14. President-elect **PRICE** nominated President **RIDLEY-THOMAS** to be elected to the office of Vice President of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission. No other nominations were offered. President **RIDLEY-THOMAS** declined the nomination. President-elect **PRICE** withdrew the nomination. **APPROVED** by unanimous consent, there being no objection, that Vice President **CHADWICK** would serve as Vice President of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission for the 2017 term.

The Commission entered Closed Session

CS-1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1))

Case: Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission, et al. v. Lynch, et al., BC 472814

No reportable action was taken.

CS-2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(4)), INITIATION OF LITIGATION (ONE OR MORE POTENTIAL CASES)

No reportable action was taken.

The Commission entered Open Session

15. **ADJOURNED** at 4:48 p.m.



Secretary